GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MOTOR VEHICLE ACT
Bhargav Shri Girdhari Lal;Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan;Singh Shri Prabhunath;Yerrannaidu Shri Kinjarapu

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 to check the rising number of traffic violation cases and road accidents in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposed amendment is likely to be incorporated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

a) Government has proposed to amend various Sections of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to enhance the amount of fine in respect of various traffic offences in order to make them more deterrent and to minimize road accidents.

b) The amount of fines for various offences such as driving without driving licence, driving at excessive speed, driving dangerously, drunken driving, driving when mentally or physically unfit etc., has been proposed to be enhanced.

c) Bill in this regard was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 15-5-2007. The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee has made certain recommendations. Some recommendations relate to other Ministries. As such, it would be difficult to indicate time by which the Act would be amended.